

CCOPS WORKPLAN – 2010 - 2011

COMMUNITY & COMMITTEE EDUCATION & INVOLVEMENT

Washington Pipeline Safety Conference

Co-Sponsor and assist the Pipeline Safety Trust in the planning and implementation of a pipeline safety conference focusing on basic pipeline safety education and emerging issues in Washington State – CCOPS will be responsible for the agenda and the Trust will handle logistics. This will serve as the basic training for committee members and potential members, as well as including interested people from around the state.

Basic pipeline safety education and emerging issues in Washington State will be the focus of a conference held in conjunction with the WUCC Conference in Tacoma on September 15 & 16, 2010. The CCOPS/PST session(s) will be held on September 16th. The planning committee (Carl, Ron and Grant) will work on the design of the agenda for these sessions.

Pipeline Safety Website Review

Review the CCOPS, WUTC Pipeline Safety, and Dept. of Ecology Spill Prevention websites at least once each year to ensure they are up to date and provide interested individuals in Washington State adequate information about how to obtain pipeline safety information they may be interested in.

The review should include MRSC, PST and PHMSA and other significant pipeline safety websites. (Lead – Tim Sweeney)

Face-To-Face Interaction with Local Government

Understand and document local pipeline issues by contacting key individuals in different regions of the state. The initial effort will be contact local planning officials in attempt to gain interest in land use around pipelines. The following local authority assignments were agreed upon:

- King County (to be determined)
- Whatcom and Skagit Counties (Carl Weimer)
- Snohomish and Pierce Counties (Ron Schmitt)
- Tri-Cities (Art Coulombe)
- Skamania, Clark and Cowlitz Counties (VaNessa Duplessie)
- Spokane, Grant and Lincoln Counties (Bill Rickard)
- Mason and Grays Harbor Counties (Grant Jensen)
- Thurston and Lewis Counties (Tim Sweeney)

Committee members will identify and collect information and contacts regarding pipeline safety issues in each of their regions of the state. Information will be shared with the CCOPS to determine what actions the committee might want to take.

Art Coulombe completed his 1st round of contacts and presented his approach and the results to CCOPS. Art also provided a template that can be used by other CCOPS members in their interactions with local government. Art's template will be formatted and provided to all CCOPS members. (Lead – Bob Archey, Art Coulombe)

Orientation and Training of CCOPS members with special emphasis on new members

As a start, a one page document outlining the committee's expectation of members will be prepared.

This effort should include an overview of the pipeline safety organization (federal, State and Local), definitions of key acronyms and abbreviations and a list of primary participants. (Lead Ron and VaNessa).

PIPELINE SAFETY OVERSIGHT

CCOPS will receive, review and discuss regular updates from:

- WUTC to include at a minimum:
 - All incidents or near misses that have occurred and the WUTC's response
 - Any policy changes proposed or desired
 - PHMSA's annual audit of the agency
 - Yearly review of the agency's inspection program
- Department of Ecology on their spill prevention program to include:
 - Plans drafted or amended
 - Drills that have taken place
 - Changes proposed.
- The major pipeline companies in the state (Williams, Olympic, TransCanada, PSE, Avista, Northwest Natural, Cascade, Conoco-Phillips, Chevron, Kinder Morgan) to include:
 - Integrity management activities
 - Expansions to their systems
 - Issues they see needing to be addressed.

In addition, topic areas for possible consideration at future meetings will be solicited from the Operators.

- The Federal Government regarding proposed federal rule makings, or other federal legislation, that could affect pipeline safety in Washington State. This should the Washington Congressional delegations and their staff.

Advisory comments/communications will be drafted by CCOPS when necessary on any of the above.

COMMITTEE POLICY INITIATIVES

Each year the Committee will identify 1-2 initiatives they want to try to have an impact on over the course of the year.

2010 will include:

Planning Near Pipelines

The CCOPS is a co-sponsor of a state –wide grant to increase the understanding of issues associated with local government planning near transmission pipelines. The Committee should get regular updates on how this effort is proceeding. Committee members should contact their local planning departments or planning commissions and see if they can help facilitate involvement by these groups in this initiative. (Lead – Carl Weimer)

Improving Washington State's Damage Prevention Program

The WUTC has formed an ad hoc committee to try to rewrite the state's damage prevention regulations. A number of CCOPS members regularly attend these meetings. The CCOPS should receive regular updates on this ad hoc committee's efforts and agreements, and work to ensure any concerns the CCOPS has are incorporated into its rewrite. CCOPS should also provide support if the final product does incorporate all our concerns, or advise the legislature regarding the rewrite if we have concerns not addressed. (Lead – Ron Schmitt)

Review of the Small Gas Pipeline Study

CCOPS will review the status and results of the pipeline safety program's small gas pipeline study that included an inventory and field inspections of certain types of small gas pipeline systems, checking these systems against a previously developed risk assessment. One of the issues that CCOPS will consider will be what level of public risk small unregulated and regulated gas systems pose and what approaches can be taken to lower that risk. (Lead – Tim Sweeney)

Note: The bylaws state that CCOPS meetings are conducted four times a year, and additional meeting may be held if needed. Members agreed that if additional meetings are needed, they should be more focused and held via conference call.

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